

Luke 22:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing.

Analysis

When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing—Jesus recalls the earlier mission (Luke 9:3, 10:4) when the disciples traveled with no provisions, depending entirely on God's provision through others' hospitality. Their unanimous answer, **Nothing**, testified to God's faithfulness. This establishes the context for the jarring instruction that follows.

The question prompts the disciples to remember God's past provision as foundation for trusting Him through coming trials. Recalling God's faithfulness strengthens faith for future testing. The principle endures: God's track record of provision in the past gives confidence for present and future needs, even when circumstances seem to contradict His care.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern hospitality customs obligated communities to provide for traveling teachers and prophets. Jesus's initial sending of the Twelve capitalized on this cultural practice while teaching dependence on God. During Jesus's Galilean ministry, the disciples enjoyed relative safety and support from sympathetic Jewish communities. This security would soon evaporate.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does rehearsing God's past faithfulness in your life strengthen your faith for current challenges?
2. What specific provisions or protections has God given you when you've stepped out in faith-based obedience?
3. Why is it important to remember seasons of God's tangible blessing when entering seasons of suffering or trial?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	εἶπον,	αὐτοῖς	Ὅτε	ἀπέστειλα	ὑμᾶς	ἄτερ
And	he said	unto them	When	I sent	you	without
G2532	G2036	G846	G3753	G649	G5209	G817
βαλαντίου	καὶ	πήρας	καὶ	ὑποδημάτων	μή	τινος
purse	And	scrip	And	shoes	any thing	
G905	G2532	G4082	G2532	G5266	G3361	G5100
ὑστερήσατε	οἱ	δὲ	εἶπον,	οὐδενός		
lacked ye		And	he said	Nothing		
G5302	G3588	G1161	G2036	G3762		

Additional Cross-References

Luke 10:4 (Parallel theme): Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way.

Psalms 37:3 (Parallel theme): Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Psalms 23:1 (Parallel theme): The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Luke 9:3 (Parallel theme): And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece.

Genesis 48:15 (Parallel theme): And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day,

Deuteronomy 8:16 (Parallel theme): Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;

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